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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT

(G.O. Ms. No. 2, dated 12th January 2015)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Government of Puducherry has been celebrating the 'National Press Day' every year and it has been proposed now to present cash award and memento for the 'Best Journalist' and the 'Best Photo Journalist' every year. The 'Best Journalist' and the 'Best Photo Journalist' will be given a cash award ₹ 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) each category;

2. And, whereas, it has been proposed to lay down the procedures for the grant of cash award to the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist in the Union territory of Puducherry;

3. Now, therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to notify the rules namely, "Scheme for the Grant of Award to the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist for Media Persons in the Union territory of Puducherry-2014" as appended to this notification.

4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. No. 16667/US(F)/2014, dated 7-7-2014.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

K.T. ALAGIRI,
Under Secretary to Government
(Information and Publicity).

**THE RULES FOR THE GRANT OF AWARD TO THE BEST
JOURNALIST AND THE BEST PHOTO JOURNALIST FOR MEDIA
PERSONS IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY-2014**

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (a) The rules may be called as "Scheme for the Grant of Award to the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist for Media Persons in the Union territory of Puducherry-2014".

(b) It shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(c) This shall be awarded every year on the occasion of celebration of the National Press Day;

(d) It shall come into force on and from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

2. *Object.*— The object of this scheme is to honour the Media Persons ('Reporters' and 'Photographers') in the Union territory of Puducherry and to recognise the special nature of services rendered by them to the society in creating a sense of socio-political awareness among the people, by way of presenting a cash award ₹ 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) and memento to each on the occasion of celebration of the National Press Day every year.

3. *Definitions.*— In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Directorate” means the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry;

(b) “Government” means the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President of India under Article 239 of the Constitution;

(c) “Newspapers/Periodicals” means a newspaper/periodical registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India, Government of India, New Delhi;

(d) “Electronic Media” means audio and visual media units engaged in broadcasting/telecasting of news and registered with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi;

(e) “News Agency” means an agency, which is engaged in the business of collecting news and selling them to the Media Organisations;

(f) “Form” means any of the forms appended to this scheme;

(g) “Media Person” means a Media Person who has got ‘Accreditation Card’ under Puducherry Press Representatives Accreditation Rules, 1984 or Press Identification Card under Puducherry Media Representatives Identity Card Rules, 2013 from the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry;

(h) “Journalist” means a Media Person who is rendering his services as Journalist within the Union territory of Puducherry on full-time basis in the ‘Print Media’ or ‘Electronic Media’ or ‘News Agency’;

(i) “Photo Journalist” means a Media Person who is rendering his services as Photo Journalists within the Union territory of Puducherry on full-time basis in the ‘Print Media’ or ‘Electronic Media’ or ‘News Agency’.

4. *Eligibility conditions.*— Any 'Journalist' or 'Photo Journalist' fulfilling the conditions as stipulated below, shall be eligible for the grant of cash prize in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(a) The media person shall be a citizen of India and a resident of the Union territory of Puducherry by birth or by having continuous residence for a period of not less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of his application for the grant of cash prize under this scheme. A nativity/residence certificate obtained from the competent revenue authority should be produced;

(b) The 'Journalist' or 'Photo Journalist' should have at least three years of service as Media Person in the Print/Electronic Media/News Agency in the Union territory of Puducherry;

(c) The 'Journalist' or 'Photo Journalist' should be working in any Print/Electronic Media/News Agency in the Union territory of Puducherry at the time of submitting his/her application for the grant of cash prize;

(d) The beneficiary must possess Press Identification Card issued under Puducherry Press Representatives Accreditation Rules, 1984 or Puducherry Media Representatives Identity Card Rules, 2013 by the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry.

5. *Making of application.*—Application for grant of cash prize under this scheme shall be submitted to the Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry in Form-I accompanied by the following namely:-

(a) Nationality/Nativity/Residence certificate obtained from an officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar in Form-II;

(b) Service certificate showing the designation, period of service and the place of work from the employer in Form-III;

(c) Copy of the 'Accreditation Card' or 'Press Identity Card' issued by the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry;

(d) Two passport size photographs.

6. *Selection of beneficiary.*— (1) Eligible 'Journalist' or 'Photo Journalist' has to apply in the prescribed form to the department along with necessary certificates and two passport size photographs;

A committee to select the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist will be constituted as detailed below:

(i) For selecting the Best Journalist, the committee shall consist of the following:

1. Director of Information and Publicity . . Chairman
2. An Accredited Correspondent or Reporter . . Member
from a National English Daily Newspaper
or National News Agency.
3. An Accredited Correspondent or Reporter . . Member
from a Tamil Daily Newspaper.
4. An Accredited Correspondent or Reporter . . Member
from Satellite Television.

(ii) For selecting the Best Photo Journalist, the committee shall consist of the following:

1. Director of Information and Publicity . . Chairman
2. An Accredited Photographer from a National . . Member
English Daily Newspaper.
3. An Accredited Photographer from a National . . Member
Tamil Daily Newspaper.
4. An Accredited Cameraman or Videographer . . Member
from Satellite Television.

(2) The committee after satisfying itself of the genuineness of the application may approve the grant of cash award, after which the Director of Information and Publicity shall arrange to issue a sanction order in Form-IV appended to this scheme.

(3) The committee may reject any application for reasons to be recorded in writing.

7. *Mode of presentation of the award.*— The selected Media Persons shall be awarded the 'Cash Award' on the occasion of celebration of 'National Press Day' and a receipt in Form-V may be obtained from the beneficiary.

8. *Powers of the Director of Information and Publicity.*— The Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry shall be in-charge of implementing the scheme.

9. *Budget provision.*— The expenditure towards the implementation of this scheme shall be debitable to the budget of the Information and Publicity Department Head of Account "2220 Information and Publicity 60/800 Other expenditure - 60 /800 (02) Welfare Programme for Media Persons - 60/800 (02) (01) Pondicherry region - (50) - Other Charges (PLAN)'.

10. *Interpretation and clarification.*—if any doubt arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Government thereon shall be binding and final.

FORM-I

[See clause 5]

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF AWARD TO
HONOUR THE "BEST JOURNALIST" AND "BEST
PHOTO JOURNALIST" FOR MEDIA PERSONS IN
THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY**

Photo
attested by
a Gazetted
Officer

1. Name of the applicant :
2. Designation :
3. Name of the media, if print media, :
mention the periodicity.
4. Date of joining in the media :
5. Whether the service certificate is enclosed :
6. Length of service in the field (Certificate :
issue by the Newspaper/Periodicals/
Electronic Media/News Agency to be
attached in original) with mention of
whether he/she is/was full-time employee
in Form-III.

7. Whether the applicant possess Press :
Accreditation Identification Card issued
under Puducherry Press Representatives
Accreditation Rules, 1984 or Puducherry
Media Representatives Identity Card
Rules, 2013 by the Directorate of
Information and Publicity, Puducherry.
8. Whether the applicant is a native of :
Union territory of Puducherry either by
virtue of birth or by continuous residence
(Nativity/Residence certificate to be
attached).
9. Present address :
10. Permanent address :
11. Phone numbers : (O)
(R)
Cell No.:

DECLARATION

I, hereby
solemnly affirm and declare that the particulars furnished above are true
and I have not suppressed any material facts that will disentitle me for
the grant of award under the Scheme for the Grant of Award to the Best
Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist to the Media Persons in the
Union territory of Puducherry.

Signature of the applicant.

Place :

Date :

FORM-II

[See clause 5 (a)]

CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALITY AND NATIVITY

This is to certify that Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....
is citizen of India.

2. He/She is a native of Puducherry by virtue of birth/continuous residence for not less than 10 years and he/she is residing at present/continuously from to.....
at.....

Place : Signature :
Date : Name in block letters :
Designation :



FORM-III

[See clause 5 (b)]

SERVICE CERTIFICATE*(To be issued by the Employer)*

Certified that Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....
S/o. W/o., D/o.....is
working continuously for the period ofyears
from to.....as full-time Journalist/Photo
Journalist Cameraman of the Print/Electronic Media/News Agency
viz.....registered with the Registrar of Newspaper for
India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India,
New Delhi vide No.....

Place : Signature :
Date : Name :
Designation :



FORM-IV

[See clause 6(2)]

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

No. /DIP/AD/201 - 201 , Dated:

ORDER

Sub : DIP - Grant of Cash Award to honour the
"Best Journalist" and "Best Photo Journalist" every
year to the Media Persons in the Union territory of
Puducherry - Sanction conveyed -Reg.

Ref : Your application No..... dated.....

In pursuance of clause 6 (2) of the Rules for the Grant of Cash
Award to honour the "Best Journalist" and the "Best Photo Journalist"
every year to the Media Persons in the Union territory of Puducherry,
sanction of the selection committee is hereby conveyed for grant of cash
award to the Best Journalist/Best Photo Journalist for the year
..... providing Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....
working as(Designation)
in..... (Name of the Media).

Director of Information and Publicity.

To

Thiru/Tmt/Selvi.....

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FORM-V

[See bye-law 7]

RECEIPT

Puducherry, dated.....

Received with thanks a sum of ₹.....

(Rupees.....only)

on(Date) in the form of

Cash/Cheque No./D.D.No.

datedfrom the Directorate of Information and
Publicity, Puducherry in order to honour of Best Journalist/Best
Photo Journalist of the year.....

Place : Signature :

Date : Name :

Designation :

Name of the Media :

online publication at “<http://styandptg.puducherry.gov.in>”

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Directorate of Stationery and Printing

Puducherry-9.